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7 PUBLIC HEARING ON

8 FY 2004-05 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM OF

9 PROJECTS/TIP AMENDMENT 05-06

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12 MARCH 2, 2005

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1 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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3 BE IT REMEMBERED, on the 2nd day of
4 March, 2005, commencing at the hour of 10:15 a.m.,
5 in the offices of Metropolitan Transportation
6 Commission, Oakland, California, before me, DANUTA
7 KRANTZ, a Certified Shorthand Reporter in the
8 State of California, the following proceedings
9 were held.

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1 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

2 MR. HAGGERTY: The Programming and
3 Allocations Committee would like to conduct a
4 public hearing at this time on the projects
5 included in the 2005 Annual Transit TIP amendment
6 05-06. Please note the purpose of this public
7 hearing is to receive comments only. Formal
8 action of this item is scheduled for today's
9 Committee meeting and then for the full Commission
10 later this month on March 23, 2005.

11 If you would like to speak during the
12 public hearing, you may fill out a blue comment
13 card and give it to the Committee staff.

14 I would now like to introduce Kate
15 Miller, the MTC staff member who has
16 participated -- I am sorry, prepared the FTA
17 Program of Projects.

18 Kate.

19 MS. MILLER: Thank you.

20 Before I begin, I want to mention that
21 there is a court reporter here to transcribe
22 today's proceedings.

23 The subject of today's public hearing is
24 the 2005 federally funded transit projects
25 included in TIP amendment 05-06.

1 As the designated recipient of the FTA
2 formula funds for grantees in the Bay Area, MTC is
3 responsible for programming FTA formula grant
4 funds in the Transportation Improvement Program or
5 TIP.

6 MTC resolution No. 3630 is the 2005 TIP,
7 which is a comprehensive listing of all Bay Area
8 transportation projects that receive federal
9 funding or are regionally significant to require
10 federal action.

11 TIP amendment 05-06 is the annual "all
12 transit" TIP amendment which is comprised of two
13 parts. Attachment 1 lists all of the projects
14 that have been amended into the TIP or have been
15 revised and includes projects funded with Federal
16 Transit Administration funds, Sections 5307, 5309,
17 5310, 5311, and Job Access and Reverse Commute
18 Funds, as well as (FHWA) flexible funds for
19 transit.

20 Public comments received between
21 February 4th, the beginning of the public comment
22 period, and March 16th, the end of the public
23 comment period, will be included as Attachment 2
24 to the Commission for their March 23rd meeting
25 when it is anticipated the Commission will take

1 action on this amendment.

2 FTA requires FTA grantees provide an
3 opportunity to the public to comment on the
4 program of projects it plans to undertake during
5 the year. FTA considers that a grantee has met
6 that requirement when the grantee follows the
7 public involvement process outlined in FTA and
8 FHWA regulations for the development of the TIP
9 and any subsequent TIP amendments. FTA Region IX
10 has stated that MTC is in compliance with this
11 requirement by using our locally adopted public
12 involvement process for the TIP.

13 All projects in TIP amendment 05-06 are
14 fully funded, and the revisions will not affect
15 the air quality conformity or financial constraint
16 requirements of the TIP.

17 MTC published a public hearing notice
18 for TIP amendment 05-06 in 12 Bay Area newspapers.
19 These materials were sent to city and county
20 libraries as well as interested agencies and
21 individuals. It was distributed for public review
22 on February 4, 2005, and public comments will be
23 received on this TIP amendment until close of
24 business on March 16, 2005.

25 Comments received by close of business

1 on March 16th will be considered for incorporation
2 into the FTA Program of Projects and TIP amendment
3 05-06, as appropriate. TIP amendment 05-06, along
4 with the public comments and respective staff
5 recommended actions will be presented to the
6 Commission at their March 23rd meeting.

7 This concludes my statement. Thank you,
8 Commissioner Haggerty.

9 MR. HAGGERTY: Thank you, Kate. I
10 appreciate that.

11 I will now open the public hearing. I
12 so far have two speakers, so if you wish to speak,
13 please turn in your blue speaker card. The first
14 speaker is Michael Tanner. After Michael Tanner
15 will be Jerry Grace.

16 MR. TANNER: Good morning. My name is
17 Michael Tanner from BART. I just wanted to thank
18 the Commission and the staff in particular for the
19 long and hard work in putting these programs and
20 projects together.

21 As you know, for transit rehab projects,
22 there is never enough money available, and they do
23 an excellent job of every year trying to meet as
24 many of the needs as possible for the transit
25 operation to keep all of our systems running. So

1 I would just like to put in a word of thanks.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. HAGGERTY: Thank you, Michael.

4 Jerry Grace.

5 MR. GRACE: I agree with that. I know
6 BART is doing very well. I know they are doing so
7 good. A lot of work to put that together. And I
8 say -- I know I said this once before, and I'll
9 say this again. We need the open space for the
10 emergency people, 911, because a lot of the car
11 and trucks always in the way on the street or the
12 freeway, because that is not right -- that is not
13 right they cannot go through. We need to have
14 that open space and open more room for them to go
15 through.

16 And I am going to keep on talking about
17 this, and somebody need to do something about it
18 because we need to have open space, emergency,
19 ambulance, fire department, police, Highway Patrol
20 for in any way can go through.

21 And I wish this be peace and be happy
22 and nobody would get hurt about this. That's why
23 I really care about this. And I understand why
24 they have to do what they have to do. And people
25 always brought in their way and cannot go through.

1 That is the number one thing at top of the list.
2 And a lot of the stuff we are talking about, the
3 bridge, talking about the other stuff, and buses
4 and lot of other stuff going up.

5 I know in San Jose we just had the party
6 down there, and San Jose, Santa Clara County have
7 their bus coming in, and we had a party down
8 there. I don't know why I had a meeting, but I --
9 the bottom line is, I like it the way they have
10 there, and they seem to have there, and everybody
11 needs money. Thank you.

12 MR. HAGGERTY: Thank you, Jerry.

13 I have no other statements.

14 Anybody else wish to speak on this item?

15 Seeing not, I would ask for a motion to
16 close the public hearing.

17 Moved and seconded.

18 Are there any objections to that motion?

19 Motion will pass without objection.

20 Thank you very much.

21 (Conclusion of proceedings at
22 10:30.)

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1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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3 I, DANUTA KRANTZ, hereby certify that
4 the witness in the foregoing deposition was by me
5 duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth and
6 nothing but the truth in the within-entitled
7 cause;

8 That said deposition was taken in
9 shorthand by me, a Certified Shorthand Reporter of
10 the State of California, and was thereafter
11 transcribed into typewriting, and that the
12 foregoing transcript constitutes a full, true and
13 correct report of said deposition and of the
14 proceedings which took place;

15 That I am a disinterested person to the
16 said action.

17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
18 my hand this _____ day of _____, 2005.

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